

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 653  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Donald R. Jeanes as  
the 14th President of Milligan College.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals  
who through their natural talent and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their  
academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Jeanes is one such person, who through his dedication to  
excellence has been named the President of Milligan College; and

WHEREAS, a native of Georgia, Dr. Jeanes is a 1968 *magna cum laude* graduate of  
Milligan College. After graduation he served as director of financial aid and as an assistant to  
the business manager at Milligan while attending Emmanuel School of Religion, where he  
graduated with honors in the master of divinity program; and

WHEREAS, after completing his master of divinity degree, Dr. Jeanes joined the faculty  
at Atlanta Christian College where he taught Bible and humanities and administered the student  
financial aid program for six years. He later became the administrative vice president at the  
college; and

WHEREAS, as an ordained minister, Dr. Jeanes served as associate minister and  
operations manager at First Christian Church in Johnson City from 1984–1986. After serving as  
senior minister at Spring Branch Christian Church in Houston, Texas, he returned in 1991 to the  
First Christian Church in Johnson City as a senior minister; and

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WHEREAS, on July 1, 1997, while fulfilling his commitment as a senior minister at First Christian Church Dr. Jeanes was named president of Milligan College upon the retirement of Dr. Marshall J. Leggett; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeanes' numerous contributions to public service include his service on the boards of Christian Missionary Fellowship, the Christian Church Foundation for the Handicapped, the Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House, the Rotary Club and the State of Franklin Savings Bank; and

WHEREAS, President Jeanes enjoys the love and support of his wife, Clarinda Phillips Jeanes, a 1971 Milligan College graduate and their daughter Amy, a junior at Milligan; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Milligan, Jeanes has emphasized the importance of spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social growth through Christian faith, character, and maintaining a standard of excellence; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we honor this inimitable man for his contributes to education and the development of this state's most precious natural resource, our children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor Dr. Donald R. Jeanes on being named President of Milligan College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.